

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 56.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT in relation to the care and custody of Minor
Children.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Fathers and mothers shall jointly have the
2 care and custody of the person of their minor children.

SECT. 2. If the father and mother of a minor child are
2 living apart from each other, the judge of probate in the
3 county where either resides, on petition of either, and after
4 such notice to the other as he may order, may decree which
5 parent shall have the care and custody of the person of
6 such minor as the good of the child may require ; which

7 decree shall be in force until further order of the judge of
8 probate.

SECT. 3. An appeal shall lie from the decree of the
2 judge of probate to the supreme court of probate, which
3 appeal shall be heard and determined by the justice presid-
4 ing; but the decree of the judge of probate shall be in force
5 until reversed.

SECT. 4. This act shall not be construed to deprive the
2 supreme judicial court of its jurisdiction over the care and
3 custody of minor children under the provisions of sections
4 six and seventeen of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes,
5 relating to divorce proceedings.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 7, 1895.

Reported by Mr. SAVAGE, from Committee on the Judiciary, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*